

# Investigator's Report

*Detective-in-Training*

Case Information

Investigator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Case File #: 003 \_\_\_\_\_

Case Name: Florissant Wildlife \_\_\_\_\_

Location: Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, CO \_\_\_\_\_

Observations:

Now that you have learned about Florissant's past life from looking at fossils, you can investigate the lives of the creatures that inhabit the Florissant Valley today. There are many species of insects, birds, reptiles, and mammals. Can you name some examples of each?

Questions and Hypotheses

Formulating hypotheses is an important step in your investigation. Your attempts to answer the questions will guide your search for evidence. Write a hypothesis for each question below. Remember to write the hypothesis as an answer to the question, with as much detail as possible. You should be able to test each hypotheses to see if it is true or false.

1. What kinds of animals live in the Florissant Valley today?

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2. How do these plants and animals relate to their surroundings in the valley?

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3. Where can you see wildlife at Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument?

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Now that you have hypotheses written, start looking at the evidence to see if it supports your hypotheses. You will need to visit these leads to gather evidence for your case. Use the space below to take notes.

Recent Times - Present Day Ecosystem:

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Naturalist Notes:

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Tours, Hikes, and Buildings:

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## Results and Conclusions

## Verification

Investigator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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